



Vietnam Veterans of America of Northeast South Dakota

(Vietnam and Vietnam Era Veterans)

Chapter 1054

PO Box 1062, Watertown, SD 57201
605-881-9027 or 605-753-0200

Meetings held on the 3rd Thursday of each month:
7 pm at the Elk's Lodge, 300 West Kemp St., Watertown, SD

Email: vets@NESDVVA.org Website: www.NESDVVA.org Jan-Feb 2021

Commander Corner,



Hello Brothers and Sisters,
2020 is now behind us and hopefully
2021 will become "normal" and a great
year for Chapter 1054. Even though
we have not been able to have a
meeting the past three months we

have been busy carrying on the activities of our Chapter.

Within the last couple of months, we have participated
in Veterans Day, took part in the Color Guard for Wtn's
Holiday Lighted Parade, given out over \$17,000 Christmas
gift cards to fellow Veterans in 10 different counties in
NE South Dakota. We also had a very successful bell
ringing day for the Salvation Army and thank all of you who
worked it and gave to their mission. We also added \$1000
donation to the Salvation Army to help needy families.
A scholarship was set up and our first one was awarded to
Carter Kneeland.

With a new year of 2021, comes a new facebook page.
VVA Chapter 1054. Thanks to Bob Frink for setting this
up. Everyone is welcome to come to the page and like it.
Hopefully we can keep in touch with other veterans,
families and friends and maybe even find some of our
long seen friends from back then.

As we go forward, we will just have to see what is
happening and will try to keep you informed in what
is going on with our chapter.

Remember that our biggest fund raiser is our Elk
Hunt raffle tickets. We need your help even more to
help sell a book or two to reach our goals. Helping
other veterans is our mission and we need funds
to be able to do that.

We hope all of you have had a Merry Christmas
and now a Happy New Year. Hope to see you all soon.

Jerry Denman
President of Chapter 1054

Elk Hunt Tickets!

Attention Members if you would like to
either pick up tickets, to sell or buy some
tickets for this years, hunt they are
available through Randy Holiday, or
board members or they can be purchased
at the Classroom Connection,
323 1st Ave NE, Watertown

They are \$20 each but there are 6
prizes given out including the Elk
Hunt or \$2000 cash, (4) \$400 gift certificates
and a \$250 meat bundle.

With the pandemic, we will not be at
gun shows and etc. so any support
is truly appreciated.

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Message from Dr. Sneden:

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are having a blessed holiday season this year. It has certainly been different this year with the pandemic.

We are hoping to hear soon about the Veteran vaccinations through the Sioux Falls facility. I will pass along the information as it becomes available.

Dr. John Sneden
VA Clinic in Watertown



If the general monthly meeting for the VVA will not be happening, a notice will be sent out to members with either emails or phone calls to notify you on the cancellation. Stay safe.

Chapter 1054 lead the parade

Barb and Glen Folk led the 2020 Milbank Holiday Lighted parade this year.



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Gold Star Mother Passes away at 95

Rosalie Horner, mother of Mark Horner, who was killed in Vietnam. Mrs Horner passed away on 12/27 at the age of 95. Rosalie was the only Gold Star Mother for several years. She attended many of our picnics, Veteran programs and social get together. Her daughter in law is Connie Miller, a Veteran and member in Chapter 1054.

Our Chapter provided an color guard at the cemetery in her honor.



Those members of the color guard included Jerry Denman, Dennis Solberg, Darrell Boyle and Greg Dubois.

Rest in Peace Rosalie as you join your sons in heaven.

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323 1st Ave NE Watertown, SD 57201

Notes from Todd Rose
Veteran Service Officer
in Watertown



COVID vaccines for Veterans The below information is just a few highlights of what the VA has posted to their website: **Covid-19 vaccines at VA Veteran Affairs/Veterans Affairs** please go there

if you have more questions. The VA are working closely with the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other federal partners to provide Covid-19 vaccines to Veterans and the VA health care personnel. We know you have a lot of questions, and information is changing quickly. Please check back often for updates. We will continue to update this page as we have new information to offer.

Under their current plan, they will start offering vaccines to 2 groups: (no start date was given)

- * Veterans living in our long-term care facilities,
- * VA health care personnel. Vaccinating our VA health care personnel helps us continue providing care for Veterans.

- * After these first 2 groups, they will begin to offer vaccines to more Veterans who are at high risk of severe illness from Covid-19

Eligibility

- * When more vaccines become available, we plan to offer a free Covid-19 vaccine to all Veterans receiving VA health care who want one.

- * Your team will contact you when a vaccine is available to you. If you decide to get the vaccine, your team will help you schedule your appointments.

Once things loosen up, and we can hopefully start to travel, you might want to look into getting a National Parks sticker. Below are 2 links that will help you accomplish this. The first link will take you to the basic website for access pass information, the second takes you to USGS store and application process....

& Free Entrance to National Parks for Veterans and Gold Star Families (US National Park Service.) (nps.gov)

- * America the Beautiful-National Parks & Federal Recreational Lands Access Pass/ USGS Store

Just a reminder the VSO office is open Monday -Friday, 0800-1700, our office number is 605-882-6289. Happy New Year! and "THANK YOU" for your dedication and service to our country!

Todd Rose
VSO for Codington County



**VVA Chapter 1054 helps the
Salvation Army this
Christmas Season**



This year we gave the Salvation Army \$1000 to be used for needy veterans and citizens in our community. Pictured above is Phil Braeger, Denny Brenden, Jerry Denman and Lt. Zac Zumwelt, representing the Salvation Army.



We did bell ringing to raise funds for the Salvation Army, Doug Modica, Darrell Boyle, Gordie West and Herb Carstens.



Paul Ramse and Harley Gulbraa



Jerry Denman and Bob Syring.



Chapter 1054 along with the VFW and the American Legion provided the Color Guard for this year's Watertown's Holiday Lighted Parade. Darrell Boyle and Darwin Clyde represented Chapter 1054 VVA.

Veterans Day Ceremony held thru Covid Pandemic



Several of our VVA Chapter members were part of the program. VFW Commander, Dennis Solberg was the MC for the program.



Darwin Clyde, Jerry Denman and Gordie West served as Flag Barriers.



Gordie West carrying the VVA flag after the program.



Dean Halajian, VFW Chaplain and VVA member gave the invocation.



The main speaker was Lee Gable, Wtn Co Commissioner and life time Veteran. He is a retired Army Colonel who served in several duty stations including Ukraine.

Lehla Pietz provided the music for the program with a couple patriotic songs including God Bless America!



\$17,000 worth of Gift Cards donated to Veterans in NE South Dakota



Codington County VSO, Todd Rose, and Phil Braeger presenting the HyVee gift cards for Veterans here in Codington County.



David Schaefer
VSO Officer in Hamlin County



Phil Braeger presenting cards to Dennis Evenson VSO in Deuel County,



Angie Beacom
Roberts County VSO
with gift cards.



Kevin Bohn, Day County
VSO and Phil Braeger



Glen Folk, Bob Frink and Scott Malimanek,
Grant County VSO



Dave Daberkow, Marshall
County VSO with Gift
Cards.

Darin Lewis, Clark County
VSO with gift cards.



Thanks to the VS officers for their help in handing out and making sure the Veterans in need got some thing to help them out this holiday season.

January 2021

- 1 Happy New Years
- 2 DAV Milbank
- 4 Am Leg Aux
- 5 Vets Council
- 6 Vets Council Radio Program
- 11 American Legion
DAV Monthly
- 13 VFW Aux.
Milbank VFW
- 14 American Legion Monthly Meeting
- 18 Marine Corp Aux
Sons of Amer. Legion
- 19 Milbank Am Legion
Marine Corp League
- 20 VFW Monthly Meeting
- 21 4:30 VVA Chapter Board Meeting
7 pm VVA Chapter Meeting



February 2021

- 1 American Leg. Aux.
- 2 Ground Hog Day
Vets Council
- 3 Council Radio Program
- 6 Milbank DAV
- 8 American Legion Riders
DAV Monthly
- 10 VFW Aux.
Milbank VFW
- 11 American Legion
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day
- 15 Marine Corp League Aux
Sons of the American Legion
- 16 Milbank American Legion
Marine Corp League
- 17 VFW monthly meeting
- 18 4:30 VVA Board of Directors
7 pm VVA Chapter Meeting

First Scholarship Awarded to Carter Kneeland



A scholarship award has been set in place to be given to a Veteran, children or grand children of a military vet. Our first recipient was given to Carter Kneeland, who is a member of our Chapter and the grand son of Clayton Ellingson. Carter is currently attending LATC



Pictured above are Randy Holiday, Jerry Denman Faye and Stephen Anette, Carter Kneeland and Clayton Ellingson

**If you know of anyone passing that our Chapter should be sending a sympathy cards call
Chaplain Bob Lower 701-721-0441**

Monthly Meeting Locations (alphabetical order)

American Legion-American Legion in Watertown
Codington County Veterans Council VFW Wtn
DAV American Legion in Watertown
Marine Corp League VFW in Watertown
Milbank American Legion American Leg in Milbank
Milbank DAV the American Legion Hall in Milbank
Milbank VFW VFW in Milbank
VFW VFW in Watertown
VVA Chapter 1054 Board of Directors 4:30 pm at Elk's
VVA Reg Mtg 7 pm Elk's Lodge
VVA Chapter 1054 monthly meeting Elk's Lodge
300 W Kemp 7 pm, 3rd Thursday of the Month



Veteran of the Year named at Veteran's Day Ceremony

Each year a Veteran is chosen and honored for their community service and service to the military. This year's Veteran of the Year is Courtney Livingston. Pictured above is Ben Pahl presenting the award.

Application for Membership Chapter 1054

Name _____ Male _____ Female _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ work/cell phone _____

Branch of Service _____ Email _____

Type of Membership (Please check one)

_____ \$50 (Lifetime Membership) _____ AVVA Membership is \$175 for those under 60 years of age. AVVA Membership is \$100 for those over 60 years

Must submit copy of Drivers license.

Method _____ check _____ Money Order

_____ Credit Card _____ Mastercard _____ Visa _____ Discover

Credit Card Number _____


Exp. Date _____ Pin # on back _____

Signature _____

Eligibility: Membership is open to US Armed Forces Veterans who served on active duty (for other than training purposes) in the Republic of Vietnam between Feb. 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975 or any duty location between Aug. 5, 1964 & May 7, 1975. You must submit a copy of your DD-214 with this membership. VVA is a non-profit, Veterans service organization. Programs and services are funded by member dues and public donations.

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